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About every one in Washing-

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COLONEL CENTER OF WIDE INTEREST

No. 19,599.

Roosevelt Arrives This Afternoon for Unusually Busy Nine-Hour Stay.

SCIENCE AND POLITICS TO OCCUPY ATTENTION

Speaks Before Geographic Society Tonight-Will Also Confer With Progressives.

COLONEL'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Will arrive at Union station 3:20 cm, today, to spend nine hours in p.m. today, to spend that capital.

To be met at train by officials of National Geographic Society, who will escort him to rooms at the New Willard Hotel.

Will first go to National Museum to see specimens he procured for that institution on his African burding trip.

for that institution on his African bunting trip.

Is then to call at the White House to pay his respects to President Wilson, having been obliged to excuse himself from accepting the latter's invitation to lufch.

Will then drive to home of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, 1765 Massachusetts avenue, where he will be guest of honor at reception, whih will include members of diplomatic corps.

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Is to be guest of honor at dinner at New Willard Hotel given by Gilbert H. Grosvenor of National Geographic Soclety, at which officials of that institution will be

ficials of that institution will be present.

Will then go to Convention Hall. 5th and K streets northwest, to deliver lecture before members of National Geographic Society on "The River of Doubt" in Brazilian wilds, explored by him.

Shortly after 10 o'clock tonight will go to progressive headquarters. Munsey building, for conference with progressive party leaders.

ers.
Is to leave Washington for New York on train shortly after mid-

With the most intense interest in polit cal and scientific circles, as well as wide

spread "sitting up and taking notice" on he part of the general public. Washingon has been preparing today to welcom-Theodore Roosevelt back to the Capital a nine-hour visit.

station at 3:20 p.m., and early this aft-

While politicians of all parties are wonlering if the leader of the progressives is
cally to receive any messages from promment republicans while here which may
iffect his future course, no one was
villing to speculate today on what such
messages could or might be, although it
ras pointed out that the colonel will
ave all the opportunity he needs to come
to contact with republicans, should be
that to do so, when he goes to a recepon which has been arranged for him
his afternoon at the home of Senator
odge of Massachusetts, at which memers of his former so-called "tennis cabitt" will be present.

A specially arranged conference with

today the activity displayed in expecta-tion of his coming was feverish.

Interest in Colonel General.

Aside from questions of a political character, which the coming of Col. osevelt to Washington at this time brings up, there is great interest among thousands of Washingtonians in his visit, manifested today all over the city by the remark, "The colonel gets here today," and in scientific circles, especially among members of the National Geographic So-Saturday, Being a Legal Holiday, ciety, there is the keenest desire to hear what he will have to say tonight at his lecture before members of that organiza-tion on "The River of Doubt" in Bra-zilian wilds, which he has explored. wilds, which he has explored.
Roosevelt will arrive in Washingcorted from Philadelphia by two
s whose principal interest at this
in political questions, O. K. Davis,
ary of the progressive party, and
lentative W. H. Hinebaugh of Illihairman of the congressional camchairman of the congressional cam the progressive party. He will be met by two persons whose principal interest is in scientific matters, Gilbert H. Grosvenor, director of C. Hart Merriam, a member of the board of managers of that organization. There are expected to be at Union station also to meet the colonel a number of others, at his request, according to a letter he has written to Mr. Grosvenor.

Col. Roosevelt furnished Mr. Grosvenor no list of these, although Frank Hogan, national progressive committeeman for

rip.

These pictures, it is stated today, may exhibited under Mr. Fiala's direction be exhibited under Mr. Fiala's direction tonight after Col. Roosevelt's lecture. Another member of the party of those with the colonel on the trip who will arrive here with him this afternoon is Father Zahm of the Catholic University, who, at

Col. Roosevelt is to go first this after- plates payments in cash." noon to the New National Museum to inspect the big groups of African mammals collected by him during his African expedition, which were not mounted when he was in Washington the last

a rhinoceros group, an ostrich group, a nart-beeste group, a zebra group and some smaller single specimens. It may be that the colonel will not be able to arrive at the museum by 4:30, the regular closing hour, in which case it is said at the museum today the institution will be kept open as late as may suit his cor It is also said that if he arrives before closing time the general public will not be barred, as all the specimens at the institution are on public

Will Call at White House.

Following this visit to the museum Col. Roosevelt will call at the White House to pay his respects to President Wilson, in accordance with the etiquette among ex-Presidents and Presidents when the former are visitors to Washington. Following out this eti-(Continued on Second Page.)

REALTY RATINGS BASED ON SALES

Explanation of the Increase in Urged That Activities of One Assessments on Washington Property.

PRICES FOR FIVE YEARS IN THE BUSINESS AREA

Assessor Richards Defends Valuations for Tax Purposes-Work of Equalization Board.

That sales made in the business section of Washington during the last seven months justify the ratings on property in this section carried in the new triennia ssessment is the claim advanced by the board of equalization and review, which s preparing to bring to a close next Monday the period for appeals on assess

Since the announcement of the new ousiness property valuations, which show an increase of about \$15,000,000, there have been twenty sales in the business area for a total consideration of approximately \$2,000,000. These transactions, it s stated, show a difference of only about 3 per cent between the amount brought by the property and the valuation placed upon it by the assessors.

It is believed by Assessor Richards and his assistants that any other sales which may be made in this section will show that new ratings are close to actual

Assessment Discussed.

In discussing the assessment, Mr. Rich ards today pointed out that values had not been increased in the old city limits of either Georgetown or Washington, except in the case of business and extremely high-class residential prop-"In fixing the values for the busines

section," he said. "the assessors were not guided by past assessments but by the results of sales for five year's. Studies of values were made from a map pre-pared on the basis of these sales. Thus the new ratings were arrived at independ-ently of anything that had been done in previous assessments.

"They have been examined thoroughly by owners and agents, who have admitted that the figures are close. There have been changes for the purpose of better. The sessions today were: Jo equalizing some of the assessments, but of the League of Library Commissions these will not materially affect the total amount, which, as has been stated, shows an increase of about \$15,000,000 for the Professional Training Section and Agriculture and

Lodge of Massachusetts, at which members of his former so-called "tennis cabiatet" will be present.

A specially arranged conference with progressives has been arranged for the colonel tonight, and at the headquarters of that party in the Munsey building today the activity displayed in expects. dispose of at least one hundred cases each day until the task is finished.

ONLY THREE DAYS LEFT FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES

Doesn't Carry Period

Three more days remain in which taxes for the current year may be paid at the 1 per cent a month occurs.

Because Saturday is a holiday, payments this month may not be made the office of the tax collector later than Friday, May 29, according to announcethe National Geographic Society, and Dr. Friday, May 29, according to announce.

C. Hart Merriam, a member of the board ment this afternoon by Ben L. Prince,

Law Requires May Payments.

"From inquiries made at this office."

has just returned was known. Also in the party will be Anthony Fiala, the polar explore, who superintended the taking of moving pictures during the penalty of 1 per centum is added.

"In all payments by mail, in the form of checks or otherwise, the collector of taxes acts as the agent of the property owner and not as the agent of the Dis-Col. Roosevelt's request, is to sit on the trict. Payments in this way are made at platform when he speaks tonight at the the risk of the owner. The law contem-

The total amount of taxes due is \$6,406,-254.03. Realty taxes amount to \$5,176,-862.16, and personal to \$1,230,001.87. It is expected that between two and three millions of dolars will be paid in to the office of the tax collector before the end

MARSHALL IN ATLANTA.

Vice President Attends College Celebration in Georgia Capital.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 26.-Thomas R. Marshall. Vice President of the United States, today was the guest of Atlanta. Mr. Marshall recently accepted an invita-tion to attend the celebration of the wenty-fifth anniversary of the founding was expected to deliver the principal adiress at the comencement exercises of that institution.

The Vice President was welcomed on his arrival by committees from Agnes Scott College, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Indiana Society of Atlanta.

LIBRARIANS HOLD **SECTION MEETINGS**

Department Not Encroach on Another.

BRIGHAM DEEMS ACTION TO BE DECIDEDLY UNWISE

Possibilities of Traveling Books Are Discussed—Committees Make Reports.

PROGRAM TONIGHT.

Continental Memorial Hall. 8:15 p.m. Reports of officers and

committees.
"The Need of a National Archive
Building"-J. Franklin Jameson,
Ph. D., L.L. D., director department of historical research, Carment of historical research, Carnegle Institution of Washington, Discussion—Gaillard Hunt, Litt. D., LL. D., chief division of manuscripts, Library of Congress, and Victor H. Paltsits, chairman public archives commission of the American Historical Association. "The Library and the Immigrant"—John Foster Carr. director Immigrant Education Society, New York city.
"Libraries for Rural Communities"—P. P. Claxton, Litt. D., United States commissioner of education.

PROGRAM TOMORROW. 9:30 a.h. Catalogue section. First ession. (Small ballroom, New

9:30 a.m. Children's in ection. (Large ballroom Children's librarians Wilard.)

Wilard.)
9:30 a.m. National Association
of State Libraries. First session.
(Red parlor. New Ebbitt.)
2:30 p.m. Joint session of the
League of Library Commissions
and college and reference section.
(Small ballroom, New Willard.)
2:30 p.m. College and reference
section. (Large ballroom, New
Willard.)

2:30 p.m. Special Libraries Asso-ciation. (Gridiron room, New Wil-lard.)

Delegates to the American Library As sociation Conference separated today to meet in sectional gatherings and to at-

The sessions today were: Joint session Professional Training Section and Agri-cultural Libraries Section.

Opposes Competition.

Pleading for co-ordination as a substitute for competition, with emphasis upon the unwisdom of one department of library activities encroaching upon the field of another, Johnson Brigham, president of the Iowa library commission and

having taken but not fully occupied its own field, to dissipate its energies and revenues by reaching out after new ington post office since March 4, 1914.

worlds to conquer.

The direct purpose of Mr. Brigham's paper was, first, to urge commissions that already have entered the legislative reference field, without fully counting the cost of measuring the extent of the undertaking to withdraw from the undertaking to withdraw. dertaking, to withdraw from that field and content themselves with close and mutually helpful co-ordination with legis-lative reference libraries; and, second, to urge commissions at present considering the desirability of taking on legislative and municipal reference work, to give no further thought to it; but, instead, with the new opportunities for speedily and inexpensively reaching the public through the purels post to redouble their efforts. to cover and persistently occupy thir own large and growing field.
The writer made an exception of the Wisconsin commission with the large ap District building before the penalty of the conveniently successful ploneer work

Obstacles Are Outlined.

The paper presented the well-nigh in surmountable obstacles in the way of successful competition with the legisla tive libraries. The paper concluded with an appeal to library commission workers to remove all confusion in their own minds in the public mind and in the said Mr. Prince, "I fear that many may legislative mind as to the logical extent

Col. Roosevelt furnished Mr. Grosvenor no list of these, although Frank Hogan, national progressive committeeman for the District of Columbia, said today that he would be one of them.

Naturalists With Him.

In Col. Roosevelt's entourage, when he arrives here this afternoon, will be Leo Miller and George K. Cherry, two of the naturalists who were members of the "Expedicae Scientifica Roosevelt-Rondon," as the exploring expedition in South America from which the colonei has just returned was known. Also in the polar explore, who superintended the penalty of 1 per centum is added.

Said Mr. Prince, "I fear that many may have the idea that, Saturday being a legislative mind as to the logical extent and limitations of their own field and as to the logical extent and limitations of their own field and as to the logical extent and limitations of their own field and as to the logical extent and limitations of their own field and as legal holiday and the Sunday following being the Stunday of May, it will be acceptable to tender payment of taxes on the Monday following.

"I have today received a ruling from the corporation counsel, citing the law and showing very plainly that 'all taxes not paid in May will be subject to the penalty provided.' Payments of taxes at the session this morning were: "How the State Library of Tennessee Manages Traveling Libraries," Dr. Grace Why Wyoming State University Sends than Sunday, the 29th, and payments by followed these subjects.

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Why R. Watson, chairman of the committee on aid to new commissions, gave mittee on aid to new commissions, gave

mittee on ald to new commissions, gave a report, while Edith A. Phelps of Oklahoma read a paper on "Conditions in States Without Commissions; the in States Without Commissions.

Need and the Opportunity." A report
of the committee on publicity for commission work was given by Clara F. Baldwin of St. Paul, while Asa Wyn-koop of Albany gave a report for the committee on publications.

Standards Held Elastic.

At a meeting of the professional trainlard Hotel Frank K. Walter, vice direct spoke on "The Selective Function of Library Schools." "In the absence of any generally ac

of any organization to establish such code." said Mr. Walter, "the standards of qualifications for librarians are very elastic. As librarians are very elastic. As librarianship becomes more recognized as a profession, the need of standards becomes more apparent. Because of the similarity in their organization and purpose the library schools have partly assumed and partly had thrust upon them the maintenance of at least approximate standards. This has been done (1) by insistence on thorough instruction in certain definite subjects; (2) by limiting admission to those apparently by limiting admission to those apparently suited by personality as well as by edufor some kind of library work are indications that libraries whe



THE STRENUOUS STORY.

SENATE SEEKS FACTS REGARDING VETERANS

Passes Jones Resolution Calling on Postmaster General for Information.

Jones of Washington, calling upon the Postmaster General to send to the Senate information regarding the old solwho have been di moted in the Post Office Department

Calls for Their Records.

The Jones resolution calls for the names, ages, length of service and for diers of wars of the United States employed in the Post Office Department the Washington city post office, who have been dismissed, demoted or whose resignations have been called for.

Senator Jones has taken up the cudgels for the old soldiers who have been dismissed from the local post office for the

ent session were false.
"I intend to do all in my power to ad-

Chamber of Commerce May Conduct an Inquiry Into the Dismissal of Veterans

Chamber of Commerce inquire into the cases of veteran government employes who have been dismissed from the city post office is to be brought before that organization at its next meeting, June 9. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee of the chamber held in its rooms, at 12th and F streets northwest, this afternoon. It was brought up through a letter written by Fulton R. Gordon.

It was decided that the chamber this

chamber becomes the perman nt possession of the captain of the winning com Oyster both urged that the presentation of this metal be continued.

Acts on Trade Commission On the referendum submitted by the Chamber of Commerce of the United

States recently, urging the appointment of an interstate trade commission, the executive committee concurred with the cepted professional code for librarians or exception of one provision.

exception of one provision.

The committee, which has power to act for the entire chamber in this connection, decided upon the opposite to the proposition that if such a commission was established it should not be allowed to advise in advance regarding the legality of proposed action.

William F. Gude, the president, appointed as delegates to the national foreign trade convention to be held here tomorrow and Thursday, Washington Topham, M. A. Leese and B. W. Guy.

A communication was read from the board of directors of the Denver Chamber of Commerce denying many reports conof Commerce denying many reports con-cerning conditions in the coal strike regions. It was ordered that this com-

PIRATES IN LAUNCH LOOT AND BURN SHIP

Crew Robbed, Then Forced Into Lifeboat and Ordered From Scene.

VESSEL OF SPONGE FLEET SENT TO BOTTOM OF SEA

Outrage Reported to Have Occurred Off Marquesas Banks, 25 Miles From Key West.

TAMPA, Fla., May 26.-A tale of piracy, of looting a ship and robbing her erew and finally of destruction of the ship by fire, off Marquesas banks, some wenty-five miles from Key West, is told by the crew of the schooner Edna Louise pelonging to the Tarpon Springs spenge "good of the service.

something should be done for them, and also for all faithful employes of the government who because of age are compelled to leave the service.

Senator Sheppard of Texas, father of the resolution providing for a constitutional amendment prohibiting traffic in Louise, and at the point of pistols made her crew of seventeen men load the life boat with a scant stock of provisions and leave in the small craft.

Vessel Destroyed by Fire. After the Louise's crew left the boat

according to the story of Capt. Henri Michel, the Greek commander, the Louise was set on fire. They saw her burn to Then the lifeboat was pointed toward Cape Romaine, where they landed for A proposition that the Washington fresh water, coming thence to Tampe under sail. Capt. Michel says the men on the

capt. Michel says the men on the launch took the Louise's crew by surprise, leaping aboard with pistols drawn. They robbed the men of what money and other valuables they had, appropriated some of the diving outfits, ruined the remainder, then drove the crew over the side into the lifeboat.

Is the Second Recent Robbery. This is the second occurrence of the

kind in the past few days. Friday the It was decided that the chamber this year, as in previous years, should present a replica of the Allison Nailor medal to the captain of the company winning the annual competitive drill of the High School Cadets. The Allison Nailor medal is presented yearly to the winning captain, but has to be returned at the end of the year. The replica presented by the chamber becomes the perman in possesstory told by members of her crew, who arrived here Sunday by steamer. There is bad blood between the Greek spongers of this mainland and the "conch" spongers of Key West. There is a story here that a third schooner has been destroyed somewhere on Grand Cayman. Confederates to Join in Memorial.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 26 .- For the first time in the history of national Decoration day, the Confederate drum corps of this will render music at the tederal cemetery Saturday afternoon, and Confederate veterans from the North Caro-lina Soldiers' Home will attend Decora-tion day exercises in a body. State Treasurer Lacy will deliver the address.

Volunteers Building Good Roads. WASHINGTON, Pa., May 26.-Ten thousand men were working today on 2,100 miles of highway throughout Washington county, in response to the

Foreign Delegates Give Tablet. orate the opening of the Panama BOSTON, May 26,-A bronze tablet com memorating the fifth international condirectors and before the entire chamber.

A referendum sent out by the Chamber of commerce, or the schools."

He declared that this attitude is justi
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A referendum sent out by the Chamber of commerce, or the United States, con
Boston in 1912 was unveiled at the cerning trust regulations, was referred ber of commerce today. The to the committee in charge, gress of chambers of commerce, held in Boston in 1912 was unveiled at the cham-

SIDDONS MENTIONED FOR DISTRICT BENCH

May Be Named to Fill Vacancy Caused by Chief Justice Clabaugh's Death.

Commissioner Siddons was said today by officials of the Department of Jus-tice to be under serious consideration by District of Columbia to fill the vacancy the

cabinet meeting at the White House tomaking some inquiries about Mr. Siddons and, from the tenor of the inquiries, has formed a favorable opinion of the legal qualifications of the District Commissioner.

Commissioner Siddons' Position. It is known, however, that Commis

has declined to permit his name to be

Mr. Siddons has taken the view that when he accepted the position of Commissioner of the District he entered into a sort of contract with President Wilobjected to breaking his associations with Commissioners Newman and Hard ing.

Privately he is willing to admit, it is

said, that the District Supreme bench would be a high honor that he would appreciate if it could reach him under

Attorney General's Views.

that the reasons of the Commissioner against leaving the District service would not influence the Attorney General against recommending Mr. Siddons omination if he believes that every thing makes it advisable to do so. Although the Attorney General has reached no definite decision as to recommendations for the two vacancies on the Supreme bench, it was learned to-day that he is nearer reaching con-clusions than he has been at any time, and that the President may get these conclusions by the end of this week.

Gift of \$100,000 to Cornell.

ITHACA, N. Y., May 26 .- An anonyof the first Cornell University's lon-planned residential dormitories was an nounced today.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS. Senater

Met at 11 a.m. Resumed debate on the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption.
Mr. Jones of Washington spoke in opposition to the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption. Senator Swanson introduced a bill to convert the weather station at Mount Weather, Va., into a summer White House.
Senator Frank S. White, from
Alabama, was made chalrman of revolutionary claims commit-succeeding the late Senator

House: Met at 11 a.m.

Resumed debate on the Clayton omnibus anti-trust bill. Representative Metz introduced bill for the issue of a special

twenty-five-cent piece to commen

canal.

Democratic leaders reached a tentative understanding to satisfy the demands of labor organizations in connection with the trust bills.

AGRARIAN QUESTION

Mexican Delegates Not to Let Agent for Southern Rebel **Land Distribution Problem** Disrupt Mediation.

HOPEFUL OF REACHING SATISFACTORY SOLUTION | LANDING OF WAR SUPPLIES

Suitable Persons for Pro-NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario, May 28,-We will not let the agrarian question

way of coming into common accord on his and other points so that we may our work very shortly." The Mexican delegates today decided to ostpone the issuance of any statement on the land question. They had con-templated making their position clear on the various phases of the subject; but

isrupt the mediation proceedings," said

one of the Mexican delegates to the peace

after consideration they agreed to defer the announcement indefinitely.

The American delegates and the mediators went into conference shortly before be given to the Zapatistas as a leading noon. It was the first talk they had has been occupied in conferences between the diplomats and Mexican delegates.

Mexicans Are Hopeful.

The latest developments here indicate that the Mexican and American delegates as a result of their conferences with mediators over the agrarian problem, are converging toward a point where they can meet on some common ground of agreement looking toward an ultimate solution by Mexico herself of the vexed and vexing land questions. The Mexicans are hopeful of meeting the United States half way in the adoption of some suggestion to be submitted to the new provisional government in Mexico, which might be used as a finger post in pointing the way to a final solution.

The Mexican land question is recognized by all as a fertile breeder of revolutions or sectional uprisings. It is virtually the same and purposes and were working in concert.

Landing of Arms Doubted. mediators over the agrarian problem, are

as a inger post in pointing the way to a final solution.

The Mexican land question is recognized by all as a fertile breeder of revolutions or sectional uprisings. It is virtually conceded here that insistent demand by the United States for a guaranty in precise terms cannot be met by the Mexican representatives since they have no power firmly to bind such an independent government as the mediation conference aims to bring into existence. The delegates from the United States doubtless will have to content themselves with the best piedge the Mexican delegates are able to give and to rely upon the promise that the arrangement will be honestly carried out.

To Present List of Names

The Mexican delegates are about ready to present a list of suitable persons from which to choose a provisional president, the American government and the medi-

eeptable. present a declaration of principles on the Attorney General McReynolds for recommendation to President Wilson for filling to be chosen will appoint a cabinet repretible vacancy on the supreme bench of the country and that there shall be ascaused by the death of Chief Justice Cla-baugh.

No information from the Attorney Gen-tions in the forthcoming campaign. They tions in the forthcoming campaign. They fully expect that the provisional government established as a result of the mediation is to be accorded prompt recognition by the United States. They are very hopeful of the success of the p.ogram they have outlined.

Justice Lamar's Statement. After the conference between the Justice Lamar dictated the following

"We have begun to discuss the terms and details of a plan of pacification On a number of them we find our selves in substantial agreement. Others are still under discussion and as to them there has been no disagreement. We have an appointment to go son and the people of the District to to Toronto tomorrow to attend a sogive them his time. He has further cial function there, but we expect to lettone be able to continue our meetings along us to specify the particular points generally is being re-established. Sai under discussion or those on which we have agreed or those which we have advanced for further consideration."

TWO LITTLE GIRLS KIDNAPED

At the Department of Justice it is said Daughters of Chinese Consul General at San Francisco Disappear. SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.-State-wide

earch was inaugurated today for the two little daughters of Shan Ching Shu, Chinese consul general of San Francisco, who disappeared from their home Siao Guai, aged thirteen, clad in red pantaloons and blouse, and Min Lien, aged eight, wearing blue pantaloons and

taken away from the residence of the consul general, according to his report to the police, between 10 o'clock Sunday night and 6:45 the next morning. Neither can speak English.

The theory is advanced in Chinatowr that enemies of the faction represented by Shan spirited the girls away for po-

COLORED PASTORS ASSIGNED. Philadelphia and Baltimore Confer-

ence Sessions Come to Close. pecial Dispatch to The Star. YORK, Pa., May 26.-The eighty-sev-

enth annual session of the Philadel-phia and Baltimore Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church came to an end early this morning with the announcement of the appointments by Bishop Alexander Walters, who pre-The next session will be held in Wesley Church, Philadelphia. The list of appointments in the Washington dis-

SEEKING TO SETTLE ZAPATA ASKS PART IN MEXICAN PLANS

ONE CENT.

Chieftain Calls on President Wilson.

U. S. OFFICIALS DOUBT

Are About Ready to Present List of Count on German Steamship Company to Prevent Entry Through Puerto Mexico.

An agent of Gen. Emiliano Zapata and ment in central and southern Mexico is here, and at the suggestion of Secretary conference today. "I think there is a Bryan has laid before President Wilson and the State Department information intended to controvert statements that Zapata is merely a bandit and that his followers are a horde of freebooters.

The agent submitted to Mr. Bryan a

statement of the ideals, program and plan of campaign of Zapata and his followers, of territory over which he claims con trol and asked that in any settlement of the Mexican problem full consideration element in the Mexican revolution

Claim Army of 21,000

The Zapatistas base their pretension on an assertion that they represent the revolutionary movement in the most thickly settled portion of Mexico, containing 75 per cent of all the popula-tion. Zapata, the agent informed Sec-

Landing of Arms Doubted.

Though the Mexican minister of war that a large supply of arms and ammunition had just been received in the capital, and unofficial reports are to the effect that a cargo of such material has been landed at Puerto Mexico, at the eastern end of the Tehuantepec railroad

are without any confirmatory advices.

Ever since the attempt of the Ypirange Ever since the attempt of the Ypiranga to land such a cargo of arms and ammunition at the same port was blocked by orders from the Hamburg-American Steamboat Company's agent at Havana, all three of these departments, through their agents in Mexico, have been keeping a close lookout for the steamship Bavaria, which was reported to be laden with a similar cargo.

Think Prohibition Will Apply On the basis of Havana dispatches it as accurate the statement that any arms

as accurate the statement that any arms or ammunition had been landed from the latter at Puerto Mexico.

At the Navy Department it was said that the status of Puerto Mexico was precisely that of Tampleo, which is still regarded by the navy as an open port, so that there would be no way to stop he landing of arms at the former port except through the exercise of moral suasion, such as was exhibited in the case of the Ypiranka's cargo.

The peace negotiations at Niagara Falls were considered at the cabinet meeting today, but no announcement was vouch-

Monterey Again Normal.

Normal conditions are prevailing again in Monterey, Consul General Hanna reported today to the State Department. The railroad to Saitillo was to resume carrying passengers today and the consulreported his plan to go to that city. Shipments of American goods are con into Monterey, he reported, and trade tillo is reported tranquil. Train service has been resumed between Monterey, Tampico and Matamoras. Mrs. John R. Silliman, wife of the vice

Mrs. John R. Silliman, wite of the vice consul at Saltillo, has learned of her husband's safe arrival in Mexico City through the State Department and Consul General Hanna. A message from Mrs. Silliman received here today tells of the arrest of her husband on May 12, increase and designed to the consultation of the same tell of his three-week imprisonment and departure for Mexico City. Mrs. Sillimatexpects to leave Saltillo later with party of other American women and Mr. Wheeler of the British consulate.

Cardinal Developments

their study of the Mexican situation to day they were encouraged by these car The Huerta and American missions at

Niagara Falls were nearing accord on the disposition of the troublesome land prob-lem—one of the causes of Mexican un-

A satisfactory basis for resolving the dispute between the Huerta government and the United States—the international phase of the equation—was declared to nave been reached.

Denial was made that Carranza had refused to consider any form of mediation

proposals.
Some men in the confidence of the constitutionalists declared the northern chief was closely watching proceedings at Niagara, and was seriously considering ome proposals.

Of those developments, the view was taken in some quarters that reports that the two missions sought to approach the vexing agrarian problem in a spirit of concliation seemed most encouraging.

Said to Have Receded.

The Huerta delegates were said to have receded from their original position that the land issue was for internal solution only, while the American mission gave ground from their first viewpoint that it M. L. Blalock, presiding elder; Pennsylvania Avenue, Baitimore. George L. White; East Baitimore, W. J. Robinson; West Baitimore, Charles G. Ashton; Arlington, Va., B. Nelson; Rockville, Md., T. E. Roach; Burrville, D. C. Logan Johnson; Washington-Metropolitan, R. A. Carroll; Union V. esley, G. M. Oliver; Galbraith, W. D. Battle; Trinity, W. Cooper; Brentwood, Md., R. L. Briscoe; Forks Patuxent, Md., J. S. Martin; Oak Grove and Union Wesley, Md. Thomas Pitts; Scotland, Va., A. H. French; Gibson Grove, Md., W. H. Crump; Bowie, Md., H. Pelmrose; Alexandria, Va., A. H. Pagan. should be settled at the mediation pro-